

Pilgrim Hill

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SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

03 AUGUST 2025

PRAYER

“We Reap the Everlasting Fruit of Your Goodness”

(Eusebius of Caesarea)

We give you thanks, our God and Savior, and to you, O Christ, in our own feeble way.

You are the supreme providence of the mighty Father, who both saves us from evil and teaches us in the way of truth. I say these things not to praise, but simply to give thanks.

Who among us is worthy to give you praise? You called creation into being from nothing.

You illuminated it with your light. You regulated the confusion of the elements

by your laws of harmony and order. More than that, we recognize your lovingkindness.

You caused those whose hearts inclined toward you to sincerely seek a divine and blessed life.

You've allowed us to pass along what we've received from you,

like merchants of wisdom and true blessings. We reap the everlasting fruit of your goodness.

Freed from the net of sin, and permeated with a love for others, mercy is always our point of view.

We hope for the promise of faith, and we are devoted to modest living—
all the virtues we had once thrown aside, but are now restored by you whose generous care is over all.

Amen.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“Accept these hymns of praise from me, in your great mercy. Grant me peace, and hold back the tide from this world of trouble—diseases of body and soul, of wealth or poverty—that I may find rest and fill my mind with wisdom from the brook of heaven.”

(Synesius)

The Gloria Patri *—with uplifted hands—*

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

THE LORD CALLS US

The Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

From Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Hymn – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (553)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession (from Isaiah 66)

Holy God, you have told the one unto whom you will look graciously upon.

**All those who are humble and contrite in spirit,
and who tremble at your word.**

We confess that pride still lurks in our hearts
and have not rightly understood our own spiritual poverty, apart from Christ.

Forgive us, Lord. Our sin is before us.

We have not trembled at your Word but have been dismissive of it,
embarrassed by it, and have trusted the wisdom of man over the wisdom of God.

**We repent of this and confess that you are the only wise God,
and that your Word is both perfect and good.**

Teach us the fear of the Lord even now, and the beauty of your commandments.

We long to live in glad obedience to you. Help us in our weakness. Amen.

Franklin Kyrie

The musical score for 'Franklin Kyrie' is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line and a guitar line. The guitar line includes chords: Dm, C, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, Dm, C, Bb, Gm, Am, Dm. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer-cy, Lord. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord.'

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Text: Traditional

Silent Prayers of Confession –*kneeling, if able*–

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 103:11-12

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

Sursum Corda

So, lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

THE LORD CONSECRATES US

Franklin Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly,
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry.
Ho -
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -
Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the
san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high-est. A - men.
high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men.

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Text: Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8, Matthew 21:9

Profession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one

substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**catholic refers to the universal collection of God's people throughout all time and from all places.*

The Westminster Shorter Catechism: #60

Q. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Psalm – “Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage” (005)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 2:18-26
*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

New Testament Reading: Luke 12:13-21
*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

Hymn – “Glory Be to God the Father” (547)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

*When you hear, “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond with: **“Hear our prayer.”***

Sermon – “He Who Comes From Above is Above All”

John 3:31-36
Pastor Brooks Potteiger

The Lord's Prayer (see #1108 for music)

Our Father, which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TITHES AND TRIBUTE OFFERINGS

Generous and loving God,
We bring you our tithes and offerings
With glad and grateful hearts.
Guide us as stewards of your abundance,

**For the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor.
Amen.**

Psalm – “Tis By Thy Strength” (203)

Psalm – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (550)

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

The Lord's Supper is a sacramental family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians, who are in good standing at a church that proclaims the gospel, to the table. By coming, you acknowledge that you have trusted in Christ alone for your justification before God, that you are currently at peace with God and neighbor, and that you are seeking to grow daily in holiness. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brooks.

THE BREAD – “Come, Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted” (see next page)

To display our unity, please wait to eat the bread until instructed.

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Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

1. Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, Bowed with fruit - less sor - row
 2. Take His eas - y yoke and wear it; Love will make o - bed - ience
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that hear His
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, Light to new - ly o - pened

down; By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed, Through the cross, be - hold the
 sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His wis - dom guides your
 voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in Him a - lone re -
 eyes, Or full springs in des - erts drear - y Is the rest the cross sup -

crown; Look to Je - sus, Mer - cy flows from Him a - lone.
 feet Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.
 joice; His com - mand - ments Then be - come their hap - py choice.
 plies; All who taste it Shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2004 © wilburmusic.com
 Text: Joseph Swain, 1792

[Come, ye souls]
 8 7. 8 7. 4 7.

THE WINE

We pass the wine with "the peace of Christ." You are welcome to drink the wine immediately and to fellowship freely during this time. If juice is desired, it will be the lighter liquid in the tray.

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Commissioning Psalm – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (517)

Charge

Benediction

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all”
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Doxology

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;". The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The score includes guitar chords written above the treble staff: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D, G, C, D, G, D, Am, G, D, G, C, G.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD 100th
8 8. 8 8.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #60 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Verse of the Week:** “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1)
- **Prayer:** “We Reap the Everlasting Fruit of Your Goodness” (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For the Hayme's amidst Caleb's transplant journey
- For Ansley, as she recovers from a bad motorcycle accident
- For Frank Golubksi and the health issues he is facing
- Prayers for a complete recovery for Crews Lawson's eye
- For Nick Hodges as he is away for army training
- For favor over Charlton's and Gabe Rench's "Business Makers" endeavor, especially as they pursue investors
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- For the mothers who are with child. Safety for all the mommas and babies
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly
- For the teachers/students who will be beginning a new school year soon
- For our own place in God's timing
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch

Ongoing

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King's Cross Reformed Church
- For the CREC church plant in DC that will be launching in July
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection - both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths
- For salvation for extended family members who have not turned to Christ.
- For healing for all who are suffering from physical ailments.
- For the ministries we financially support:
 - Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy: Provision, protection, and wisdom
 - The Joint Eastern European Project (J.E.E.P.): See their website for current prayer requests
 - Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

16th - Ladies' Fellowship Dinner

- 6-8pm, at the Brookshire
- Dinner/fellowship and a short encouragement from Pastor Brooks
- Check ladies' Signal thread for more info

21st - Festal Shout

- Thursday, 6-8pm, at the church
- Pizza dinner followed by doing some musical pushups!

OTHER

SUMMER TEENAGE GIRLS' FELLOWSHIP

- Sundays, from 4-7pm
- Pool time, Bible Study, skill-building mentorship, and yummy food!
- At the Brookshire (typically)
- Check the ladies' Signal thread for more info

SUMMER MARRIAGE BOOK STUDY (Zoom):

- *For a Glory and a Covering* by Doug Wilson
- Tuesdays from 8:30-9:15pm

MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY - *Out of the Ashes*, by Anthony Esolen

- Fridays at 6:15 am on Pastor Brooks's back porch

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- **If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at daylily1980@comcast.net**

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

- Beginning August 13th
- From 7-7:30pm

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – brooks@pilgrimhill.church
- Josh Boyd (Ruling Elder)

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelvy Huffman
- Scotty Rowlett

**Submit a question for Pastor Brooks
for an upcoming Q&A:**



**Church-wide Signal Thread
for Announcements:**



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



WE AT PILGRIM HILL are striving to cultivate sturdy, maturing Christians across generations for the glory of the Lord and the gladdening expansion of His Kingdom.